

Franklin Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM, and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, T. Biercz, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky, and Council liaison T. Chase. Absent: J. Clyde, A. Schmidt (back problems), D. Triggs.

Chair's report: one notice of application for a LOI was received – the Township applying for the Catalpa property.

The minutes of the meeting of March 4 were approved. Per e-mail from A. Schmidt, notices of the stream clean-up (April 20), coyote seminar (May 6) and rain barrel workshop (May 11) have been added to the web site. Also, the website information on the two community gardens was updated.

Three plans were reviewed.

T. Chase reported on ideas from the Raritan-Millstone Flood Control Commission workshop of March 16: porous concrete for the township's planned extension of sidewalks, retrofitting of detention basins with higher vegetation (mowed only once a year) and without low flow channels.

Community gardens: T. Chase reported talking with Sara Malone, new Shade Tree Commission member who is also a Master Gardener, about gardening training for the Pine Grove Manor School and community gardens. The Master Gardeners have a program for school gardens, which could be stretched to a community garden.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.